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Glen Canyon News Release

Work to Begin on Hidden Slough Project

Page, AZ –Glen Canyon National Recreation Area will begin a two year project to remove three acres of tamarisk and revegetate the Hidden Slough beach site at mile 6.5 along the Colorado River. This is a cooperative project with the Grand Canyon Wildlands Council. They will be setting up camp along the river and begin the tamarisk removal starting November 11 and lasting through November 21. A nursery is being established at Lee's Ferry for the revegetation that will take place next spring.

Some tamarisk will be burned in slash piles, while larger trunks and branches will be sunk in the deeper portions of the river. Tamarisk is very water- dense and sinks readily. Sinking it will return nitrogen to the ecosystem, lessen the need for burning, and provide some temporary fish habitat. New plantings and temporary irrigation will be put in place in spring 2009. Based on the success of a pilot project at Lee's Ferry, it is expected to have a diverse mix of native plants established in 3- 5 years.

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